scheme and when that question is taken up both in Ernakulam and Mattancheri there will be no further mosquito question in the Council.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* : As suggested by the Hon'ble Member for Chalakkudi perhaps it is due to the raging of war against mosquitoes that the mosquitoes are intensifying their attack on civilian population. We have already raged war in these two municipalities. The Public Health Department is doing some work. They are carrying out anti-mosquito work. I cannot say it is perfect. They are spraying some medicines for killing the mosquitoes. We appointed a staff for the purpose and I am sure that it is not everything that could be done. As the Chairman of the Ernakulam Municipality stated it depends upon the drainage scheme also. I do not think that the Koovapadam Scheme and the other drainage scheme can be taken up immediately. We have to wait for the Post-war Reconstruction Scheme and I along with that hope to get rid of this nuisance from Mattancheri and Ernakulam.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know whether the Military authorities will not take up this question in view of the great menace so that the Military Department may be able to supply the medicine required and they also be requested to contribute a share.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Military authorities have not included Ernakulam and Mattancheri within their jurisdiction. They have of course included Willingdon Island.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Cannot Government impress them that mosquitoes can fly from Ernakulam and Mattancheri to Willingdon Island ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Military authorities also have got expert knowledge, that mosquitoes will not fly such great distance *(laughter)*.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: The Hon'ble Minister has said something is being done for the drainage of stagnant water. I shall read the scheme if necessary. It does not touch the fringe of the problem. It is a very huge work to be undertaken under the Post-war Reconstruction Scheme. I request that Government would not forget the scheme. With these I may be allowed to withdraw.

Cut motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Cut motion No. 5 standing in the name of Mr. A. Eachara Menon not moved.

Short notice motion on the sudden fall of the price of arecanuts

Mr. President: There is Mr. Iyyu's Short notice motion.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: This is to bring to the notice of the Government and this House the sudden fall of the price of arecanuts within the last 4 or 5 days.

Mr. President: Will the Hon'ble Member satisfy me that the question arises in the Public Health Department ?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Arecanut market and arecanut curing happen to be subjects connected with Public Health and Public Health Department gives license for curing and marketing. There are big markets in our State both in Trichur and Vadakkancheri and curing is done in a large scale in Keecheri, Pazhanji and several other places. In Talappalli and Trichur taluks there are also facilities for curing and Public Health Department also knows that. In the Mukundapuram Taluk also large areas are cultivated. Prices have come down from 42 to Rs. 18 and Rs. 20.

Mr. Prisident: Order, order I dont think that the Public Health Department can be held responsible for the fall in th the price of arecanut. They merely control the conditions of the markets in which the stuff is sold. I am afraid the Hon'ble Member is not in order if he is referring only to the prices.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Marketing is practically a business of the Public Health Department. If the arecanuts are brought to the market it must go to the railway train. There should be transport facilities. Short of getting transport facilities of the railway authorities arecanuts could not be sent and it is a matter for an adjournment motion. But I do not want an adjournment motion, I just want to bring this to the notice of the Government.

Mr. President: I am afraid that the Hon'ble Member is not in order. If he had raised this matter when the Supplies Department budget was being discussed I would have allowed him. I am afraid I cannot reconcile the level of the prices of arecanut with the Public Health Department.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: The information was received only after the Supplies Department budget was discussed.

Mr. President: That is the Hon'ble Member's misfortune. The discussion must cease.

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Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I would request the Hon'ble President to take up the matter.

Demand under 25-Public Health Put and Carried

18. Vaccination—Cranganur Rs. 1376

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I move for an allotment Rs. 1,376 under "18 vaccination—Cranganur".

Demand put and carried

19. Sanitation and Conservency—Cranganur Rs. 9084

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I move for an allotment of 9084 under "Sanitation and Conservancy—Cranganur".

Demand put and carried

23. Medical Rs. 8,83,223

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 8,83,223 under "23 Medical". There have been a few criticismse levelled against my department some of them very constructive, others perhaps undeserving. As these are coming up in the cuts that I see here I shall reserve my answers as cuts are moved. I request that the House may be pleased to grant allotment asked for.

CUT MOTION No. 36

Government Dispensary at Tattamangalam

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,80,137 for establishment medical proper by Rs. 2. *This is to bring to the notice of the Government the necessity for converting the present grant-in-aid dispensary Tattamangalam into a regular Government dispensary with provision for a few beds.*

Sir, It is purely a local affair and I am sorry a that I am constrained to take up the time of the House with a purely practcial question. But as practical politicians I hope to be excused for the same. I need not tell the House that the administration report of the Medicel Department for various years will reveal that among the grant-aid-dispensaries it stands first so far as attendence of patients is concerned. The report for the year 1118 shows that the number of patients who attended the institution is nine thousand and odd. Among the grant-in-aid dispensaries that stands higher. From the papers I had occasion to see that the Government is contemplating or has decided to raise the status of the grant-in-aid dispensary at Cherai and make it into a big dispensary with beds for a few inpatients. I am glad that that question had been taken up. I only want the Government to take this institution also and make it into a regular dispensary with provision for a few beds, because as revealed by the figures it caters to a large number of people. I am glad that the possible objection to this proposal which Government may say is that within a few miles of Tattamangalam there is a big hospital at Chittur. Also Government may trot out an argument that Tattamangalam has been recently gifted with an Ayurvedic Hospital, but you must bear in mind, Sir, that even though we are in Malabar we people believe in the Ayurvedic system with all the common limitation to which humanity is subjected to. Even now we belive more in the Allopathic system than in the Ayurvedic system. For certain particular ailments like rheumatism madness etc., people believe more in Ayurveda. But for fevers and several other common ailments we believe more in Allopathic. That is a fact. So I request the Government to consider the question with all sympathy and to grant the prayer at the earliest opportunity. I do not press the cut motion and I request that Chief Medical Officer will make a good beginning by giving a favourable answer.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Sir, although this motion is calculated to give greater relief to the inhabitants of Tattamangalam I am very sorry I do not see my way to lend my support to it which as I would like to fall in with the wishes of my Hon'ble friend. He has already explained that Tattamangalam is after all only about 4 miles away from Chittur where we have a model hospital and where every sort of convenience is available for patients who need helps. Tattamangalam Dispensary is a fairly popular one but looking through my statistics here of the various rural dispensaries of the State the average number of patients that resort to this dispensary is about 34 where as Chelakkara has also about 34, Cherpu 55, Kumbalangi a much larger number and so on. There are so many dispensaries.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* What is the total number for the whole year.

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